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Estimated Hearing Date: June 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. (Atlantic Standard Time) **Objection Deadline**: June 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

Title III

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

	
In re:	PROMESA

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al. (Jointly Administered)

Debtors.¹

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SUMMARY COVER PAGE TO THE NINTH INTERIM APPLICATION
OF O'NEILL & BORGES LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED
AS ATTORNEYS TO THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD
FOR PUERTO RICO, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF DEBTORS,
FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

Name of applicant O'Neill & Borges LLC ("O&B")

Authorized to provide professional services to: Financial Oversight and Management Board, as

Representative for the Debtors Pursuant to

PROMESA Section 315(b)

Time period covered by this consolidated

statement:

February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020

Monthly Fee Statements subject to this request: February, March, April and May 2020.

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747) and); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations). O'Neill & Borges LLC has already submitted its final application in the COFINA Title III case, albeit because of its role as counsel for such debtor, we continue to provide services and incur expenses on some remaining matters related to that Title III proceeding. Such invoices will be submitted for approval pursuant to the *Protocol for The Review and Payment of Post-Effective Date COFINA Fees* set forth at Docket No. 8755 of Title III lead Case No. 17-03283-LTS.

Total amount of compensation sought for legal services for this period:	\$455,558.85
Total amount of expense reimbursement sought for this period:	\$509.09
Total compensation approved by interim orders to date ² :	\$2,573,875.08 (<i>see</i> , Dkts. No. 2911, 3656, 4508, 6523, 9046 12861, and 16592)
Total expenses approved by interim orders to date:	\$54,413.76 (<i>see</i> , Dkts. No. 2911, 3656, 4508, 6523, 9046, 12861, and 16592)
Total compensation for legal services paid to date:	\$400,726.85
Total expenses paid to date:	\$509.09
Total compensation subject to objection:	None
Total expenses subject to objection:	None
Blended rate ³ in this application for all attorneys for the period of February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 as per the original invoices	\$206.46
Blended rate ⁴ in this application for all attorneys for the period of February 1, 2020 through May	\$229.40
31, 2020 using the updated hourly rates submitted at Docket No. 9360	
31, 2020 using the updated hourly rates	45
31, 2020 using the updated hourly rates submitted at Docket No. 9360 Number of professionals included in this	The compensation sought is in tune with prior fee estimates submitted to the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury and the Fee Examiner

² The totals include all Title III matters including COFINA up to February 19, 2019. Thereafter, they exclude any limited billing invoiced to the COFINA Title III proceeding, No. 17-BK-3284-LTS, after February 19, 2019.

³ Please note blended rate computation considers the agreed 10% discount; as well as our agreement with the Oversight Board to postpone the implementation of the increase in our hourly rates which would have come into effect on December 1st, 2019.

⁴ Please note blended rate computation considers the agreed 10% discount.

Rates higher than those disclosed at retention:

As disclosed and agreed at the time of retention, rates were increased for all timekeepers as of December 1st, 2018. Pursuant to this Court's Order Imposing Additional Presumptive Standards: Rate Increases and the Retention of Expert Witnesses or other Sub-Retained Professionals [Docket No. 7678], O'Neill & Borges gave notice to all parties of its proposed rate adjustment for the year commencing on December 1st, 2019, on a timekeeper-bytimekeeper, on November 27, 2019 [Docket No. 9360]. However, rather than implementing such new rates within 30-days of such notice, O'Neill & Borges LLC postponed their implementation per the Oversight Board's request and reserved the right to request such payment at a later date [See our explanation to that effect at Doc#:13891 fn.4].5 O'Neill & Borges LLC is seeking payment of the deferred amounts with this submission.

Objection Deadline:

June 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

This is an: ___ monthly(consolidated) X interim ___ final application

This is the ninth interim fee application filed by O'Neill & Borges LLC in the Debtors' Title III cases. The total time expended in connection with the preparation of this interim application is not included herein, as this additional time was expended after the Compensation Period.

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⁵ Pursuant to the Engagement Letter dated November 23, 2016 between the Oversight Board and O&B, O&B's rates are revised annually at the end of our fiscal year (November 30). Such rate increases are based upon such criteria as whether a particular timekeeper has been promoted because of his/her demonstrated skills, whether a particular professional has demonstrated developing skill, experience, or competency, whether the particular rate is in tune with current market rates, and other similar objective criteria. As a result of such analysis, our effective rates as of December 1, 2019, increased on average \$5.00 per hour per timekeeper, with some limited timekeepers increasing by \$10.00 and many did not increase at all [See, Docket No. Doc#:9360]. Billed at this rate as agreed in our Engagement Letter and currently allowed by the Oversight Board, O&B's incremental fees for this Compensation Period total an additional amount of \$10,307.25.00, as detailed in the attached <u>Schedule 5</u>. O&B's rates further increased effective as of December 1, 2020 as detailed in the attached <u>Schedule 6</u> but such increase does not have an impact on the Compensation Period object of this application.

Schedule 1 Ninth Interim Compensation Period - Consolidated Fee Statements February 1, 2020– May 31, 2020

Consolidated Fee Statement									
Entity	Period	Fees requested to be paid with issued invoices (100%)	Fees paid to date (90%)	Total Compensation sought using 2019-2020 rates previously notified (100%)					
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020	351,799.65	316,619.69	\$ 359,822.70	(8,023.05)				
НТА	Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020	13,926.60	12,533.94	\$ 14,287.50	(360.90)				
ERS	Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020	3,752.10	3,376.89	\$ 3,850.65	(98.55)				
PREPA	Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020	70,369.20	63,332.28	\$ 72,047.25	(1,678.05)				
PBA	Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020	5,404.05	4,863.65	\$ 5,550.75	(146.70)				
	TOTALS	445,251.60	400,726.44	455,558.85	(10,307.25)				

Schedule 2 Summary of Professional Services Rendered by Timekeeper for the Period February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020

		AL	L TITLE II	I MATTEI	RS_						
	<u>Summary</u>	of Legal Fees for	r the Period	l Feb 1, 20	20 through	Ma	y 31, 2020				
Professional	Position/Title	Department	Blended Hourly Billing Rate of 2019 as Invoiced	Blended Hourly Billing Rate of 2020 Notified on November 29, 2019	Total Billed Hours	C	Total ompensation 2019	C	Total ompensation 2020	Blended Rate For Attorneys	 ded Rate Paralegals
Salvador J. Antonetti	Member	Litigation	\$ 305.00	\$ 310.00	0.80	\$	244.00	\$	248.00		
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$ 305.00	\$ 315.00	291.20	\$	88,816.00	\$	91,728.00		
José R. Cacho	Member	Corporate	\$ 340.00	\$ 350.00	64.10	\$	21,794.00	\$	22,435.00		
Mariacte Correa Cestero	Member	Litigation	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	25.70	\$	7,196.00	\$	7,196.00		
Carla Garcia Benitez	Member	Litigation	\$ 330.00	\$ 335.00	112.60	\$	37,158.00	\$	37,721.00		
Carlos E. George	Member	Labor	\$ 250.00	\$ 255.00	52.00	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,260.00		
Rosa M. Lazaro	Member	Corporate	\$ 345.00	\$ 350.00	20.20	\$	6,969.00	\$	7,070.00		
Michelle Marichal	Member	Corporate	\$ 255.00	\$ 260.00	2.40	\$	612.00	\$	624.00		
Jerry Lucas Marrero	Member	Enviromental	\$ 310.00	\$ 320.00	0.20	\$	62.00	\$	64.00		
Julio Pietrantoni*	Member	Corporate	\$ 335.00	\$ 360.00	0.80	\$	268.00	\$	288.00		
Julio Pietrantoni*	Member	Corporate	\$ 355.00	\$ 360.00	66.00	\$	23,430.00	\$	23,760.00		
Ismael Vicenty Medina	Member	Corporate	\$ 320.00	\$ 320.00	37.90	\$	12,128.00	\$	12,128.00		
Nicole Berio Dorta	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 220.00	\$ 225.00	72.20	-	15,884.00	\$	16,245.00		
Antonio L. Collazo	Jr. Member	Enviromental	\$ 220.00	\$ 225.00	53.30	_	11,726.00	\$	11,992.50		
Ubaldo Fernandez Barrera	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$ 220.00	\$ 225.00	30.50	\$	6,710.00	\$	6,862.50		
Rafael Hernandez	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 225.00	\$ 230.00	3.10	\$	697.50	\$	713.00		
Joamanda Morales Vega	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 210.00	\$ 215.00	3.40	<u> </u>	714.00	\$	731.00		
Jose L. Notario	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 225.00	\$ 230.00	24.90	\$	5,602.50	\$	5,727.00		
Denisse Ortiz Torres	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 210.00	\$ 215.00	16.80	\$	3,528.00	\$	3,612.00		
Emiliano Trigo Fritz	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$ 210.00	\$ 215.00	65.30	\$	13,713.00	\$	14,039.50		
Martha L. Acevedo	Associate	Corporate	\$ 195.00	\$ 200.00	29.00	\$	5,655.00	\$	5,800.00		
Daniela L. Alvarez	Associate	Litigation	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	57.30	\$	10,027.50	\$	10,027.50		
Jorge A. Candelaria	Associate	Litigation	\$ 180.00	\$ 185.00	148.70	\$	26,766.00	\$	27,509.50		
Ricardo Casellas	Associate	Litigation	\$ 190.00	\$ 195.00	0.50	\$	95.00	\$	97.50		
Amilkar O. Cruz Pastrana	Associate	Corporate	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	42.70	\$	7,472.50	\$	7,472.50		
Maria de la Vega	Associate	Corporate	\$ 170.00	\$ 175.00	38.50	\$	6,545.00	\$	6,737.50		
Alejandro García Caraballo	Associate	Litigation	\$ 180.00	\$ 185.00	41.90	\$	7,542.00	\$	7,751.50		
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo**	Associate	Corporate	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	53.20	\$	10,374.00	\$	10,374.00		
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo**	Associate	Corporate	\$ 175.00	\$ 195.00	5.00	\$	875.00	\$	975.00		
Paula Gonzalez Montalvo	Associate	Litigation	\$ 180.00	\$ 185.00	18.00	\$	3,240.00	\$	3,330.00		
David M. Magraner	Associate	Corporate	\$ 170.00 \$ 185.00	\$ 175.00 \$ 190.00	8.60 183.20	\$	1,462.00	\$	1,505.00		
Gabriel Miranda Rivera Karla M. Morales	Associate Associate	Litigation Corporate	\$ 185.00	\$ 190.00	183.20	\$	33,892.00 3,276.00	\$	34,808.00 3,367.00		
Adriana Moreno	Associate	Labor	\$ 170.00	\$ 175.00	5.90	\$		\$	1,032.50		
Alberto Nieves Cubero	Associate	Corporate	\$ 170.00	\$ 175.00	41.20	\$	1,003.00 7,416.00	\$	7,416.00		
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$ 190.00	\$ 195.00	167.20	\$	31,768.00	\$	32,604.00		
Francisco G. Rodríguez	Associate	Corporate	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	107.20	\$	1,818.00	\$	1,818.00		
Ivette Rodríguez	Associate	Corporate	\$ 170.00	\$ 175.00	122.00	\$	20,740.00	\$	21,350.00		
Filex E. Rosado	Associate	Labor	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	31.40	\$	5,181.00	\$	5,181.00		
Carlos Vazquez Alberty	Associate	Labor	\$ 175.00	\$ 180.00	8.90	\$	1,557.50	\$	1,602.00		
Astrid E. Velez	Associate	Corporate	\$ 175.00	\$ 180.00	71.90	\$	12,582.50	\$	12,942.00		
Olga M. Alicea	Paralegal	Litigation	\$ 150.00	\$ 155.00	115.10	_	17,265.00	\$	17,840.50		
Maria M. Amaro	Paralegal	Corporate	\$ 145.00	\$ 150.00	0.20	\$	29.00	\$	30.00		
	Paralegal	Litigation	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	2.30	_	241.50	_	241.50		
Laura Jiménez Davis	Paralegal	Litigation	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00	0.30		43.50		43.50		
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$ 140.00	\$ 145.00	52.50		7,350.00	\$	7,612.50		
Vanessa Sanchez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$ 150.00	\$ 155.00	1.70	-	255.00	\$	263.50	229.40	\$ 146.33
	Totals						494,724.00		506,176.50		
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount						49,472.40		50,617.65		
	TOTALS				2,218.90	\$	445,251.60	\$	455,558.85	234.58	\$ 151.26

^{*} The billing rate for Julio Pietrantoni was \$355, but some entries inadvertently were invoiced at the rate of \$335 that applied to the time period between December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019.

^{**} Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo commenced his work at O'Neill & Borges LLC in March 2020 with a billing rate of \$195. Due to a clerical error, some limited entries inadvertently were priced at \$175.00.

ALL TITLE III MATTERS							
<u>S</u>	ummary - Feb 1, 2	2020 through	n May 31, 20	20 - Hours			
Professional	Position/Title	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Total	
Salvador Antoneti	Member	-	_	0.80	-	0.80	
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	67.00	75.00	90.30	58.90	291.20	
José R. Cacho	Member	18.10	12.40	23.00	10.60	64.10	
Mariacté Correa Cestero	Member	0.00	-	13.30	12.40	25.70	
Carla Garcia Benitez	Member	11.70	20.90	37.00	43.00	112.60	
Carlos E. George	Member	6.40	18.30	9.70	17.60	52.00	
Rosa M. Lazaro	Member	0.90	17.60	1.50	0.20	20.20	
Michelle Marichal	Member	-	-	-	2.40	2.40	
Jerry L. Marrero	Member	-	0.20	-	0.00	0.20	
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	0.80	-	28.60	37.40	66.80	
Ismael Vicenty	Member	37.10	0.80	-	-	37.90	
Nicole Berio Dorta	Jr. Member	-	-	12.00	60.20	72.20	
Antonio Collazo	Jr. Member	-	8.20	14.80	30.30	53.30	
Ubaldo Fernandez	Jr. Member	0.80	9.80	19.90	-	30.50	
Rafael Hernandez	Jr. Member	1.80	-		1.30	3.10	
Joamanda Morales	Jr. Member	3.40	-	-	0.00	3.40	
José L. Notario Toll	Jr. Member	9.70	3.50	8.60	3.10	24.90	
Denisse Ortiz	Jr. Member	16.50	-	-	0.30	16.80	
Emiliano Trigo Fritz	Jr. Member	65.30	-	-	-	65.30	
Marta Acevedo	Associate	-	9.20	10.90	8.90	29.00	
Daniela Alvarez	Associate	-	21.40	23.40	12.50	57.30	
Jorge A. Candelaria	Associate	5.50	55.20	62.70	25.30	148.70	
Ricardo Casellas	Associate	-	-	0.50	-	0.50	
Amilkar Cruz Pastrana	Associate	-	-	25.60	17.10	42.70	
Maria de la Vega	Associate	-	-	10.60	27.90	38.50	
Alejandro Garcia Caraballo	Associate	-	-	22.60	19.30	41.90	
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo	Associate	-	5.00	5.50	47.70	58.20	
Paula A. Gonzalez	Associate	8.00	-	6.80	3.20	18.00	
David M. Magraner	Associate	7.80	0.80	-		8.60	
Gabriel Miranda	Associate	55.70	72.90	41.60	13.00	183.20	
Karla M. Morales	Associate	-	-	18.20	-	18.20	
Adriana Moreno	Associate	-	-	3.00	2.90	5.90	
Alberto Nieves Cubero	Associate	-	11.70	15.80	13.70	41.20	
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	64.60	54.50	35.30	12.80	167.20	
Francisco G. Rodríguez	Associate	0.30	0.40	4.70	4.70	10.10	
Ivette Rodriguez	Associate	24.40	8.70	34.40	54.50	122.00	
Filex E. Rosado	Associate	0.50	25.00	5.90	-	31.40	
Carlos Vazquez Alberty	Associate	0.90	-	-	8.00	8.90	
Astrid E. Velez	Associate	30.30	22.00	12.10	7.50	71.90	
Olga M. Alicea	Paralegal	12.30	32.60	35.70	34.50	115.10	
Maria M Amaro	Paralegal	-	-	0.20	-	0.20	
Ana. M. Aponte	Paralegal	-	_	-	2.30	2.30	
Laura Jimenez Davies	Paralegal	-	0.30	-		0.30	
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	7.60	13.20	17.30	14.40	52.50	
Vanessa Sanchez	Paralegal	-	-	1.70	-	1.70	
TOTALS	- mangai	457.40	499.60	654.00	607.90	2,218.90	

Summary of Legal Fees by Title III Debtor¹

Professional	Position/Title	Department	Hourly Bi	illing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total	Compensation
Salvador J. Antonetti	Member	Litigation	\$	305.00	0.80	\$	244.00
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$	305.00	217.00	\$	66,185.00
José R. Cacho	Member	Corporate	\$	340.00	51.80	\$	17,612.00
Mariacte Correa Cestero	Member	Litigation	\$	280.00	25.70	\$	7,196.00
Carla Garcia Benitez	Member	Litigation	\$	330.00	87.10	\$	28,743.00
Carlos E. George	Member	Labor	\$	250.00	40.40	\$	10,100.00
Rosa M. Lazaro	Member	Corporate	\$	345.00	13.90	\$	4,795.50
Michelle Marichal	Member	Corporate	\$	255.00	2.40	\$	612.00
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$	335.00	0.80	\$	268.00
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$	355.00	42.10	\$	14,945.50
Ismael Vicenty Medina	Member	Corporate	\$	320.00	37.90	\$	12,128.00
Nicole Berio Dorta	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	220.00	37.30	\$	8,206.00
Ubaldo Fernandez Barrera	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$	220.00	22.60	\$	4,972.00
Rafael Hernandez	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	225.00	3.10	\$	697.50
Joamanda Morales Vega	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	210.00	3.40	\$	714.00
Jose L. Notario	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	225.00	15.20	\$	3,420.00
Denisse Ortiz Torres	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	210.00	16.80	\$	3,528.00
Emiliano Trigo Fritz	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	210.00	62.50	\$	13,125.00
Martha L. Acevedo	Associate	Corporate	\$	195.00	29.00	\$	5,655.00
Daniela L. Alvarez	Associate	Litigation	\$	175.00	53.60	\$	9,380.00
Jorge A. Candelaria	Associate	Litigation	\$	180.00	89.40	\$	16,092.00
Ricardo Casellas	Associate	Litigation	\$	190.00	0.50	\$	95.00
Amilkar O. Cruz Pastrana	Associate	Corporate	\$	175.00	42.70	\$	7,472.50
Maria de la Vega	Associate	Corporate	\$	170.00	32.70	\$	5,559.00
Alejandro García Caraballo	Associate	Litigation	\$	180.00	41.90	\$	7,542.00
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo	Associate	Corporate	\$	175.00	5.00	\$	875.00
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo	Associate	Corporate	\$	195.00	43.80	\$	8,541.00
Paula Gonzalez Montalvo	Associate	Litigation	\$	180.00	18.00	\$	3,240.00
David M. Magraner	Associate	Corporate	\$	170.00	8.60	\$	1,462.00
Gabriel Miranda Rivera	Associate	Litigation	\$	185.00	155.80	\$	28,823.00
Adriana Moreno	Associate	Labor	\$	170.00	5.90	\$	1,003.00
Alberto Nieves Cubero	Associate	Corporate	\$	180.00	41.20	\$	7,416.00
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$	190.00	138.70	\$	26,353.00
Ivette Rodríguez	Associate	Corporate	\$	170.00	122.00	\$	20,740.00
Francisco G. Rodríguez	Associate	Corporate	\$	180.00	10.10	\$	1,818.00
Filex E. Rosado	Associate	Labor	\$	165.00	30.90	\$	5,098.50
Carlos Vazquez Alberty	Associate	Labor	\$	175.00	8.90	\$	1,557.50
Astrid E. Velez	Associate	Corporate	\$	175.00	61.20	\$	10,710.00
Olga M. Alicea	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	150.00	115.10	\$	17,265.00
Maria M. Amaro	Paralegal	Corporate	\$	145.00	0.20	\$	29.00
Ana M. Aponte	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	105.00	2.30	\$	241.50
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	140.00	44.10	\$	6,174.00
Vanessa Sanchez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	150.00	1.70	\$	255.00
	Totals				1,784.10	\$	390,888.50
	Less: 10% Courte	esy discount				\$	(39,088.85
SUMMARY OF LEGAL FER							

¹ To simplify this review vis-à-vis the prior amounts invoiced by O'Neill & Borges LLC, the remaining tables in this interim application make references to the amounts, as per originally invoiced, excluding the increased rates differential which had been deferred at the request of the Oversight Board.

9	HTA TITLE III							
Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2								
Professional	Position/Title	Departm ent	Blended Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensati on			
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$305.00	8.60	\$ 2,623.00			
José R. Cacho	Member	Corporate	\$340.00	11.90	\$ 4,046.00			
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$355.00	0.90	\$ 319.50			
Ubaldo M. Fernández	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$220.00	2.20	\$ 484.00			
José L. Notario Toll	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$225.00	7.80	\$ 1,755.00			
Emiliano Trigo Fritz	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$210.00	0.20	\$ 42.00			
Josué E. González Aldarondo	Associate	Corporate	\$195.00	5.50	\$ 1,072.50			
Gabriel Miranda Rivera	Associate	Litigation	\$185.00	6.60	\$ 1,221.00			
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$190.00	10.50	\$ 1,995.00			
Astrid E. Velez	Associate	Corporate	\$175.00	9.50	\$ 1,662.50			
Laura Jiménez Davis	Paralegal	Litigation	\$145.00	0.30	\$ 43.50			
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$140.00	1.50	\$ 210.00			
	Totals			65.50	\$15,474.00			
	Less: 10% Cour	rtesy discou	ınt		\$(1,547.40)			
SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES								

ERS TITLE III									
Summary of Legal	Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020								
Professional	Position/Title	Departm ent	Blended Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensat ion				
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$305.00	4.80	\$1,464.00				
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$355.00	2.60	\$ 923.00				
Ubaldo M. Fernandez	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$220.00	1.70	\$ 374.00				
Gabriel Miranda	Associate	Litigation	\$185.00	3.40	\$ 629.00				
Daniel Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$190.00	2.70	\$ 513.00				
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$140.00	1.90	\$ 266.00				
	Totals			17.10	4,169.00				
	Less: 10% Court	esy discoun	t		\$ (416.90)				
SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES									

PREPA TITLE III										
Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020										
Professional	Position/Title	Department		Blended urly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Co	Total mpensation			
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$	305.00	54.40	\$	16,592.00			
José R. Cacho	Member	Corporate	\$	340.00	0.40	\$	136.00			
Carla Garcia Benitez	Member	Litigation	\$	330.00	25.50	\$	8,415.00			
Carlos E. George	Member	Labor	\$	250.00	11.60	\$	2,900.00			
Rosa M. Lazaro	Member	Corporate	\$	345.00	6.30	\$	2,173.50			
Jerry Lucas Marrero	Member	Enviromental	\$	310.00	0.20	\$	62.00			
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$	355.00	18.60	\$	6,603.00			
Nicole Berio Dorta	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	220.00	34.90	\$	7,678.00			
Antonio L. Collazo	Jr. Member	Enviromental	\$	220.00	53.30	\$	11,726.00			
Ubaldo Fernandez Barrera	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$	220.00	2.00	\$	440.00			
Jose L. Notario	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	225.00	1.90	\$	427.50			
Emiliano Trigo Fritz	Jr. Member	Corporate	\$	210.00	2.60	\$	546.00			
Daniela L. Alvarez	Associate	Litigation	\$	175.00	3.70	\$	647.50			
Jorge A. Candelaria	Associate	Litigation	\$	180.00	59.30	\$	10,674.00			
Maria de la Vega	Associate	Corporate	\$	170.00	5.80	\$	986.00			
Josue E. Gonzalez Aldarondo	Associate	Corporate	\$	195.00	3.90	\$	760.50			
Gabriel Miranda Rivera	Associate	Litigation	\$	185.00	7.10	\$	1,313.50			
Karla M. Morales	Associate	Corporate	\$	180.00	18.20	\$	3,276.00			
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$	190.00	9.90	\$	1,881.00			
Filex E. Rosado	Associate	Labor	\$	165.00	0.50	\$	82.50			
Astrid Velez	Associate	Corporate	\$	175.00	1.20	\$	210.00			
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	140.00	4.70	\$	658.00			
	Totals				326.00	\$	78,188.00			
	Less: 10% Cou	rtesy discount				\$	(7,818.80)			
SUMMARY OF LEGAL FI	EES			<u> </u>		\$	70,369.20			

]	PBA TITLE III								
Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020										
Professional	Position/Title	Department]	Blended Hourly ling Rate	Total Billed Hours	Cor	Total mpensation			
Hermann D. Bauer	Member	Litigation	\$	305.00	6.40	\$	1,952.00			
Julio Pietrantoni	Member	Corporate	\$	355.00	1.80	\$	639.00			
Ubaldo M. Fernandez	Jr. Member	Litigation	\$	220.00	2.00	\$	440.00			
Gabriel Miranda Rivera	Associate	Litigation	\$	185.00	10.30	\$	1,905.50			
Daniel J. Perez Refojos	Associate	Litigation	\$	190.00	5.40	\$	1,026.00			
Milagros Marcano Baez	Paralegal	Litigation	\$	140.00	0.30	\$	42.00			
	Totals				26.20	\$	6,004.50			
	Less: 10% Cou	rtesy discount				\$	(600.45)			
SUMMARY OF LEGAL	UMMARY OF LEGAL FEES									

Schedule 3 Summary of Professional Services Rendered by Project Category for the Period February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020

ALL TITLE III TASKS										
	Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020									
Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees							
Task Couc	-	Hours	Requested							
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors	52.80	\$ 11,605.50							
201	or its Consultants	32.00	. ,							
202	Legal Research	220.00								
203	Hearings and Non-Field Comm. With Court	20.30	\$ 4,742.00							
204	Comunications with Claimholders	2.80	\$ 764.50							
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	286.40	\$ 56,381.50							
207	Non-Board Court Filings	11.50	\$ 3,450.00							
208	Stay Matters	191.00	\$ 48,167.00							
209	Adversary Proceeding	149.90	\$ 44,270.50							
210	Analysis and Strategy	180.80	\$ 37,808.50							
211	Budgeting	70.60	\$ 15,136.00							
212	General Administration	4.40	\$ 1,342.00							
213	Labor, Pension Matters	24.10	\$ 6,148.50							
214	Legal/Regulatory Matters	60.50	\$ 14,425.50							
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	422.70	\$ 101,085.00							
216	Confirmation	0.40	\$ 65.00							
218	Employment Fee Application	5.10	\$ 714.00							
219	Docketing	21.70	\$ 3,038.00							
220	Translations	109.10	\$ 16,467.50							
221	Discovery/2004 Examinations	7.70	\$ 2,348.50							
222	Claims and Claims Objections	335.20	\$ 74,539.50							
223	Assumption and Rejection of Leases	2.30								
224	Fee Applications O&B	35.00								
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	4.60	\$ 865.00							
	Totals		\$ 494,724.00							
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$ (49,472.40)							
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	2,218.90	\$ 445,251.60							

	COMMONWEALTH OF PR TITLE III								
	Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 th	rough May	31, 2020						
Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested						
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	40.50	\$ 8,617.00						
202	Legal Research	134.60	\$ 26,012.00						
203	Hearings and Non-Field Comm. With Court	19.40	\$ 4,467.50						
204	Comunications with Claimholders	2.80	\$ 764.50						
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	227.80	\$ 44,170.50						
207	Non-Board Court Filings	9.40	\$ 2,809.50						
208	Stay Matters	186.90	\$ 46,916.50						
209	Adversary Proceeding	100.20	\$ 29,289.50						
210	Analysis and Strategy	129.20	\$ 25,416.00						
211	Budgeting	69.90	\$ 14,969.00						
212	General Administration	2.70	\$ 823.50						
213	Labor, Pension Matters	15.00	\$ 3,767.50						
214	Legal/Regulatory Matters	9.00	\$ 2,573.00						
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	352.50	\$ 82,242.00						
216	Confirmation	0.40	\$ 65.00						
218	Employment Fee Application	5.10	\$ 714.00						
219	Docketing	13.30	\$ 1,862.00						
220	Translations	108.20	\$ 16,301.00						
221	Discovery/2004 Examinations	4.80	\$ 1,464.00						
222	Claims and Claims Objections	323.80	\$ 71,280.00						
224	Fee Applications O&B	27.10	\$ 6,081.00						
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	1.50	\$ 283.50						
	Totals		\$ 390,888.50						
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$ (39,088.85)						
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	1,784.10	\$ 351,799.65						

HTA TITLE III Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020				
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Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	_	Cotal Fees Requested
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	9.80	\$	2,435.00
202	Legal Research	13.20	\$	2,471.00
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	16.10	\$	3,019.00
207	Non-Board Court Filings	0.40	\$	122.00
208	Stay Matters	2.00	\$	610.00
209	Adversary Proceeding	4.10	\$	1,202.50
210	Analysis and Strategy	6.70	\$	2,026.00
211	Non-Working Travel Time	0.20	\$	42.00
214	Legal/ Regulatory Matter	8.10	\$	2,594.50
219	Doccketing	1.50	\$	210.00
222	Claims and Claims Objections	0.30	\$	91.50
224	Fee Applications - O&B	2.20	\$	484.00
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	0.90	\$	166.50
	Totals		\$	15,474.00
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$	(1,547.40)
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	65.50	\$	13,926.60

ERS TITLE III						
Sun	Summary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020					
Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours		Total Fees Requested		
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	4.70	\$	915.00		
209	Adversary Proceeding	0.50	\$	152.50		
210	Analysis and Strategy	1.40	\$	427.00		
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	3.80	\$	1,289.00		
219	Docketing	1.90	\$	266.00		
220	Claims and Claims Objection	0.90	\$	166.50		
221	Discovery/2004 Examinations	0.10	\$	30.50		
222	Claims and Claims Objections	1.30	\$	396.50		
224	Fee Application - O&B	1.70	\$	374.00		
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	0.80	\$	152.00		
	Totals		\$	4,169.00		
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$	(416.90)		
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	17.10	\$	3,752.10		

C.	PREPA TITLE III ummary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 thr	ovah Mov	21	2020
<u>51</u>	miniary of Legal Fees for the Feriod Feb 1, 2020 till	ough May	<u>J1, </u>	<u> 2020</u>
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	2.50	\$	553.5
202	Legal Research	72.20	\$	14,356.5
203	Hearings and Non-Field Comm. With Court	0.70	\$	213.5
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	22.80	\$	5,083.0
207	Non-Board Court Filings	1.70	\$	518.5
208	Stay Matters	0.90	\$	274.5
209	Adversary Proceeding	45.10	\$	13,626.0
210	Analysis and Strategy	42.00	\$	9,566.0
211	Non-Working Travel Time	0.50	\$	125.0
212	General Administration	1.30	\$	396.5
213	Labor, Pension Matters	9.10	\$	2,381.0
214	Legal/ Regulatory Matter	43.40	\$	9,258.0
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	64.60	\$	16,915.0
219	Docketing	4.70	\$	658.0
221	Discovery/2004 Examinations	2.80	\$	854.0
222	Claims and Claims Objections	7.30	\$	2,309.0
223	Assumption and Rejection of Leases	1.80	\$	549.0
224	Fee Applications - O&B	2.00	\$	440.0
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	0.60	\$	111.0
	Totals		\$	78,188.0
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$	(7,818.8
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	326.00	\$	70,369.2

	<u>PBA TITLE III</u>			
<u>S</u> 1	ummary of Legal Fees for the Period Feb 1, 2020 t	hrough May	<u>31, 2</u>	2020
203	Hearings and Non-Field Comm. With Court	0.20	\$	61.00
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	15.00	\$	3,194.00
208	Stay Matters	1.20	\$	366.00
210	Analysis and Strategy	1.50	\$	373.50
212	General Administration	0.40	\$	122.00
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	1.80	\$	639.00
219	Docketing	0.30	\$	42.00
222	Claims and Claims Objections	2.50	\$	462.50
223	Assumption and Rejection of Leases	0.50	\$	152.50
224	Fee Applications - O&B	2.00	\$	440.00
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	0.80	\$	152.00
	Totals		\$	6,004.50
	Less: 10% Courtesy discount		\$	(600.45
	SUMMARY OF LEGAL FEES	26.20	\$	5,404.05

Summary of Actual and Necessary Expenses Incurred for the Period February 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020

	ALL TITLE III EXPENSES			
Summary of Disb	rsements for the Period Feb 1, 2020	through May 31, 2020	<u> </u>	
	Description - Expenses		A	mounts
Duplicating			\$	192.90
Duplicating Color			\$	1.20
Fining Fees - Hearing request in	the PROMESA 3 Case RE: Revenue	Bonds Relief from stay		
issues - HDB			\$	70.00
Miscellaneous- Lunch on 3/2/20	with Michael Firestain, Lary Rappap	ort Re: Proskauer.		
			\$	145.93
Miscellaneous- Telephone Conf	erence for Haring Re: Promesa on Ap	ril 22, 2020-HDB		
			\$	70.00
Overnight Delivery - United Par	cel Service, Inv 725102100, District	of Puerto Rico of USA		
Trustee - UMF			\$	29.06
SUMMARY OF DISBURSEM	ENTS		\$	509.09

COMMONWEALTH OF PR TITLE III					
Summary of Disbursements for the Period Feb 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020					
Descripti	on - Expenses			Amounts	
Duplicating			\$	192.90	
Duplicating Color			\$	1.20	
Fining Fees - Hearing request in the PROMESA 3 Case RE:		\$	70.00		
Miscellaneous- Lunch on 3/2/20	with Michael Firest	ain, Lary	\$	145.93	
Miscellaneous- Telephone Conference for Haring Re: Promesa on		\$	70.00		
Overnight Delivery - United Parcel Service, Inv 725102100, District		\$	29.06		
SUMMARY OF DISBURSEM	ENTS		\$	509.09	

 $\frac{Schedule\ 5}{Ninth\ Interim\ Compensation\ Period}$ Amounts Deferred as a Result of the Postponement of Annual Increase in Fee Rates as of December 1^{st} , 2019

	Feb-2020					
Client	Standard 2019-20 Rate (with 10% discount)	Billed fees using 2018-19 Rates (with 10% discount)	Rate Variance			
P1701	84,204.00	82,238.85	1,965.15			
P1703	3,771.90	3,666.60	105.30			
P1704	713.25	692.10	21.15			
P1705	6,277.50	6,112.80	164.70			
P1706	1,048.05	1,019.25	28.80			
Total	96,014.70	93,729.60	2,285.10			

	Mar-2020					
Client	Standard 2019-20 Rate (with 10% discount)	Billed fees using 2018-19 Rates (with 10% discount)	Rate Variance			
P1701	81,746.55	79,749.00	1,997.55			
P1703	2,156.40	2,097.45	58.95			
P1704	861.30	837.45	23.85			
P1705	13,445.10	13,135.50	309.60			
P1706	1,829.70	1,777.95	51.75			
Total	100,039.05	97,597.35	2,441.70			

Apr-2020					
Client	Standard 2019-20 Rate (with 10% discount)	Billed fees using 2018-19 Rates (with 10% discount)	Rate Variance		
P1701	94,047.75	91,928.25	2,119.50		
P1703	7,919.10	7,734.60	184.50		
P1704	1,263.15	1,240.65	22.50		
P1705	28,824.30	28,179.00	645.30		
P1706	2,348.55	2,291.40	57.15		
Total	134,402.85	131,373.90	3,028.95		

	May-2020					
Client	Standard 2019-20 Rate (with 10% discount)	Billed fees using 2018-19 Rates (with 10% discount)	Rate Variance			
P1701	99,824.40	97,883.55	1,940.85			
P1703	440.10	427.95	12.15			
P1704	1,012.95	981.90	31.05			
P1705	23,500.35	22,941.90	558.45			
P1706	324.45	315.45	9.00			
Total	125,102.25	122,550.75	2,551.50			

TOTAL DEFERRED AMOUNT \$ 10,307.25

$\frac{Schedule\ 6}{O'Neill\ \&\ Borges\ LLC\ Rate\ Adjustment\ Schedule}$ for Timekeepers as of December 1^{st} , 2020

TimeKee	per	ATTORNEY	OB rates from Dec. 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020	OB rates from Dec. 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021	RATE CHANGE %
MEMBERS					
	1132	J.R. Cacho	350.00	355.00	1.41%
	1134	R. M. Lázaro	350.00	355.00	1.41%
	1135	R. M. González	340.00	345.00	1.45%
	1141	A. F. Ramírez	320.00	325.00	1.54%
	1146	C. García-Benítez	335.00	340.00	1.47%
	1150	J. Pietrantoni	360.00	360.00	0.00%
	1153	S. Rosado	300.00	310.00	3.23%
	1155	A. L. Roig	305.00	310.00	1.61%
	1156	J. L. Marrero	320.00	325.00	1.54%
	1158	E. Nieves	305.00	310.00	1.61%
	1159	M. Correa Cestero	280.00	285.00	1.75%
	1161	I. Collazo	275.00	285.00	3.51%
	1163	I. Vincenty Medina	320.00	330.00	3.03%
	1164	H. D. Bauer	315.00	325.00	3.08%
	1169	C. E. George	255.00	260.00	1.92%
	1176	S. Antonetti	310.00	315.00	1.59%
	1177	M. Marichal	260.00	270.00	3.70%
	1186	R. Hernández	230.00	235.00	2.13%
	1187	U. M. Fernández	225.00	230.00	2.17%
	1192	J. L. Notario	230.00	235.00	2.13%
	1193	A. L. Collazo	225.00	230.00	2.17%
	1196	A. J. Bayouth	200.00	205.00	2.44%
	1198	N. Berio	225.00	230.00	2.17%
	1203	D. Ortíz	215.00	220.00	2.27%
ASSOCIATES					
	2141	A. García	185.00	190.00	2.63%
	2156	J. Candelaria	185.00	190.00	2.63%
	2157	A. Moreno	175.00	180.00	2.78%
	2161	K. Morales	185.00	190.00	2.63%
	2164	P. González	185.00	190.00	2.63%
	2165	C. Vázquez	180.00	185.00	2.70%
	2166	F. G. Rodríguez	180.00	185.00	2.70%
	2167	R. Casellas	195.00	200.00	2.50%
	2170	I. Rodríguez	175.00	180.00	2.78%
	2175	G. Miranda	190.00	190.00	0.00%
	2176	C. I. Marrero	180.00	185.00	2.70%
	2180	A. E. Vélez	175.00	180.00	2.78%
	2181	A. O. Nieves	180.00	185.00	2.70%
	2183	J. E. González Aldarondo	195.00	200.00	2.50%
	2184	J.L. Colón	180.00	180.00	0.00%
	2185	L.Díaz González	170.00	170.00	0.00%
	2186	A.A. Román	175.00	175.00	0.00%
	2187	N.P Vila	-	180.00	0.00%
	2190	M. Lugo Colon	-	175.00	0.00%
PARALEGALS					
	7004	O. M. Alicea	155.00	160.00	3.13%
	7032	M. Marcano	145.00	145.00	0.00%
	7043	L. Jiménez	145.00	145.00	0.00%
	7044	C.D.Leon	150.00	150.00	0.00%
	7047	M. M. Amaro	150.00	150.00	0.00%

CERTIFICATION OF CARLA GARCÍA BENÍTEZ IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED HOURLY RATE ADJUSTMENT OF O'NEILL & BORGES LLC, AS CO-ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO

I, Carla García Benítez, hereby certify that:

- 1. I am a member of the law firm of O'Neill & Borges LLC ("O'Neill & Borges"), with offices located at 250 Muñoz Rivera Ave., Ste. 800, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1813. O'Neill & Borges is Co-Attorney for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board"), the representative of the Debtors in the above-captioned title III cases (the "Title III Cases") pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"). I have personal knowledge of all of the facts set forth in this certification, except as expressly stated herein.
- 2. In accordance with the *Order Imposing Additional Presumptive Standards: Rate Increases and the Retention of Expert Witnesses or Other Sub-retained Professionals* entered June 26, 2019 [Docket No. 7678] (the "Additional Presumptive Standards Order"), this certification is made in support of the of the herein Proposed Hourly Rate Adjustment of O'Neill & Borges LLC, as Co-Attorneys for the Oversight Board.
 - 3. With respect to the Additional Presumptive Standards Order, I hereby certify that:
 - a) O'Neill & Borges is authorized, pursuant to the terms of the contract between and among it and the Oversight Board, ³ to increase the hourly rates for its timekeepers, both with respect to the Effective Date and the amounts set forth above, on a timekeeper-by-timekeeper basis. The Oversight Board is advised of O'Neill & Borges' practice of periodic rate adjustments as set forth in the engagement letter dated November 23, 2016 (the "Retention Date");
 - b) O'Neill & Borges performs annual reviews of its associates' work, and annual reviews of its paralegals' work, based on demonstrated expertise, ability, level of responsibility, professional learning and other related factors, and adjusts compensation and hourly billing rates on a timekeeper-by-timekeeper basis as of November 30 of each year;
 - c) the proposed Rate Adjustment imposed for O'Neill & Borges' timekeepers working on these Title III Cases are presumptively reasonable and consistent, both in amount and timing, with those imposed for O'Neill & Borges' timekeepers not working on these Title III Cases;
 - d) the proposed Rate Adjustment reflects an hourly rate increase based on inflation for O'Neill & Borges' Members, Associates, and its Paralegals.

/s/ Carla García Benítez

Carla García Benítez USDC No. 203708

O'NEILL & BORGES LLC

Co-Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

³ A copy of the engagement letter is available on the Oversight Board's website at; http://oversightboard.pr.gov/documents/.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

Title III THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, as representative of Case No.	X
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al. Debtors. ¹ (Jointly	OVERSIGHT AND
x	TEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al. (Jointly Administered)
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NINTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF O'NEILL & BORGES LLC
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS ATTORNEYS TO
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF DEBTORS, FOR THE PERIOD OF
FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

To the Honorable United States District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

COMES NOW O'Neill & Borges LLC ("O&B"), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") as representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("Commonwealth"), Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA"), Employees Retirement System for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS"), and Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") and Puerto Rico Public Buildings

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¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.) O'Neill & Borges LLC has already submitted its "final" application in the COFINA Title III case, albeit because of our role as counsel for such debtor, we continue to provide services and incur expenses on some remaining matters related to that Title III proceeding. Such invoices will be submitted for approval pursuant to the Fee Examiner's guidance regarding the pertinent process to follow.

Authority ("PBA", jointly with the Commonwealth, HTA, ERS and PREPA referred to as "Debtors") pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic* Stability Act ("PROMESA"),2 and hereby submits this ninth interim application (the "Application"), pursuant to PROMESA sections 316 and 317, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "Local Rules"), and the United States Guidelines for Reviewing **Trustee Applications** for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the "Guidelines"), and in accordance with this Court's Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (Dkt. No. 3269) (the "Interim Compensation Order"), for (a) allowance of interim compensation for professional services performed by O&B for the period commencing February 1, 2020 through and including May 31, 2020 (the "Compensation Period") in the amount of \$455,558.85, and (b) reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$509.09. In support thereof, O&B alleges and prays as follows:

Jurisdiction

- 1. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the "Court") has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a).
 - 2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a).
 - 3. O&B submits this Application pursuant to PROMESA sections 316 and 317.

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

³ The Bankruptcy Rules are made applicable to the Debtor's Title III case pursuant to PROMESA section 310.

Background

- 4. On June 30, 2016, the Oversight Board was established under PROMESA section 101(b). On August 31, 2016, President Barack Obama appointed the Oversight Board's seven voting members.
- 5. Pursuant to PROMESA section 315, "[t]he Oversight Board in a case under this subchapter is the representative of the debtor" and "may take any action necessary on behalf of the debtor to prosecute the case of the debtor, including filing a petition under section [304] of [PROMESA] . . . or otherwise generally submitting filings in relation to the case with the court." 48 U.S.C. § 2175.
- 6. On September 30, 2016, the Oversight Board designated the Debtors as "covered entities" under PROMESA section 101(d).
- 7. On May 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Commonwealth pursuant to section 304(a) of PROMESA, commencing a case under title III thereof (the "Commonwealth's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the Debtor's representative in the Commonwealth's Title III Case.
- 8. On May 21, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") pursuant to section 304(a) of PROMESA, by and through the Oversight Board, as HTA's representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), commencing a case under title III thereof (the "HTA's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is HTA's representative in the HTA's Title III Case.
- 9. On May 21, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Employees

Retirement System for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") pursuant to section 304(a) of PROMESA, by and through the Oversight Board, as ERS's representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), commencing a case under title III thereof (the "ERS's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is ERS's representative in the ERS's Title III Case.

- 10. On July 3, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") pursuant to section 304(a) of PROMESA, by and through the Oversight Board, as PREPA's representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), commencing a case under title III thereof (the "PREPA's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is PREPA's representative in the PREPA's Title III Case.
- 11. On September 26, 2019, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") pursuant to section 304(a) of PROMESA, by and through the Oversight Board, as PBA's representative pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), commencing a case under title III thereof (the "PBA's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is PBA's representative in the PBA's Title III Case.
- 12. The Commonwealth, HTA, ERS, PREPA and PBA Title III Cases are jointly administered for procedural purposes only, pursuant to PROMESA section 304(g) and Bankruptcy Rule 1015. See Dkt. Nos. 242, 537, 1417, 8829.
- 13. On April 7, 2020, O&B served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statements for the month of February 2020. On July 6, 2020, O&B served on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statements for the months of March and April 2020. Finally, on September 15, 2020, O&B served

on the Notice Parties its monthly fee statements for the month of May 2020.

14. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order and as reflected in the foregoing summary, upon submitting such monthly fee statements, O&B has requested payment in the total amount of \$400,726.85 of its fees (payment of ninety percent (90%) of the compensation sought in its invoices) and reimbursement of \$509.09 of related expenses (one-hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred) and has received \$400,726.85 in fees and \$509.09 in expenses with respect to fee statements filed during the Compensation Period.

Summary of Services Rendered by O&B During the Compensation Period

- 15. This is O&B's ninth interim application for compensation in the Debtors' Title III Cases.
- Debtors' representative in these restructuring cases, defends their respective rights and interests in the multiplicity of litigation attacking the certified fiscal plans for the Debtors and their respective restructuring efforts in accordance with PROMESA, and engages with creditors and other stakeholders on alternatives for a Title III plan of adjustment. O&B has worked closely with Proskauer Rose LLP ("Proskauer") and other consultants for the Oversight Board in the formulation of the different legal strategies designed to further PROMESA's mandate of returning the Commonwealth to fiscal responsibility and access to capital markets.
- 17. O&B has worked with Proskauer in, among other things, the following: (a) preparation and filing of pleadings and briefs in litigation matters; (b) preparation for hearings; (c) research laws and jurisprudence, both Federal and local, regarding proposed plan issues, including bankruptcy, U.S. and P.R. Constitutional issues; and (d) performed other professional services as described in this Application and reflected in **Schedule 3** and **Exhibit B**.
 - 18. O&B seeks an allowance, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order,

of \$455,558.85 as compensation for professional services rendered and \$509.09 as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in connection with such professional services. The Application shows that for the Compensation Period in question O&B has applied a 10% discount on the hourly rates of all attorneys and paralegals working on these cases.

- 19. O&B maintains electronic invoices in connection with the firm's representation of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. Copies of the electronic invoices with respect to the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtors for the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 20. O&B's summary of itemized time records for professionals and paralegals performing services for the Oversight Board with respect to the Debtors during the Compensation Period is attached hereto as **Schedule 1**. During the Compensation Period, O&B billed the Oversight Board for time expended by attorneys based on O&B's hourly rates effective December 1, 2018, for each professional and paralegal as detailed in **Schedule 2**. O&B's rates are revised annually at the end of our fiscal year (November 30). O&B's effective rates increased as of December 1, 2019, which was notified to all interested parties via filing at Docket No. 9360. Billed at this rate as agreed in the Engagement Letter, O&B's incremental fees for the Compensation Period total would have entailed an additional amount of \$10,307.25, as detailed in Schedule 5. The professional services performed by O&B during the Compensation Period resulted in 2,046.80 recorded hours by O&B's attorneys; and 172.10 recorded hours by paralegals. Furthermore, Schedule 3 shows, for each Project Category (as defined below), the total recorded hours for each Project Category. In accordance with Guidelines paragraph C.3, O&B's blended hourly rates are disclosed in **Schedule 1**. The rates O&B charges, even including the incremental fees appliable as of December 28, 2019 given the pertinent notice at Docket No. 9360, for the

services rendered by its professionals and paralegals in these Title III cases are below or consistent with the competitive market rates in Puerto Rico for bankruptcy matters, charged by the other Puerto Rico counsels who have appeared in these cases.

21. All entries itemized in O&B's time records comply with the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, including, without limitation, (a) the utilization of what O&B identifies as task codes (each a "Project Category"), (b) a description of each activity or service that each individual performed, and (c) the number of hours (in increments of one-tenth of an hour) spent by each individual providing the services.

Applicant Statement in Compliance with Appendix B Guidelines C.5

22. The following answers are provided in response to the questions set forth in Guidelines paragraph C.5:

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard

or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so,

please explain.

Response: Yes. O&B agreed to a 10% discount on the total amount billed in

all invoices. Also agreed to defer the incremental fees that would have been applicable during the application period given the pertinent notice

at Docket No. 9360, but is seeking such payment now.

Question: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees

budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the

client?

Response: The claimed fees are not higher than 10% of the budgeted fees for the

time period.

Question: Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied

their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy

case?

Response: No.

Question: Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or

revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does

not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No, the Application does not include time or fees related to reviewing

time records or preparing, reviewing or revising invoices in connection

with the preparation of monthly fee statements.

Question: Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records

to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please

quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

Question: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did

your client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458?

Response: Yes, the Application includes the rate increase of our fees as of

December 1st, 2019, as agreed with the client in the original services proposal and follow-up communications, and notified to all Title III interested parties on November 27, 2019 (Doc No.: 9360). Pursuant to the Engagement Letter dated November 23, 2016 between the Oversight Board and O&B, O&B rates are revised annually at the end of our fiscal year (November 30). Such rate increases are based upon such criteria as whether a particular timekeeper has been promoted because of his/her demonstrated skills, whether a particular professional has demonstrated developing skills, experiences, or competency, whether the particular rate is in tune with current market rates, and other similar objective criteria. As a result of such analysis, our effective rates as of December 1, 2019, increased on average \$5.00 per hour per timekeeper, with some limited timekeepers increasing by \$10.00 and many did not increase at all. Billed at this rate pursuant to the Engagement Letter, O&B's incremental fees for the Compensation Period total would have entailed an additional amount of \$10,307.25, as detailed in the attached **Schedule 5.** O&B's rates further increased effective as of December 1, 2020, but such increase does not have an impact on the Compensation Period object of this application.

Hearings and Conferences

23. O&B attorneys, as Puerto Rico counsel for the Oversight Board, also attended hearings and participated in teleconferences with the Oversight Board, the Board's professional advisors, AAFAF and its professional advisors, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee and its professional advisors, and the Debtors' creditors and their professional advisors. More than one

O&B attorney may have participated in hearings and conferences when required in order to better represent the Debtors in a more cost-efficient manner and avoid unnecessary duplication and expense.

Professionals Billing Fewer Than Five Hours per Month-

24. The following chart indicates (a) professionals who billed fewer than five hours per month, (b) the months for which fewer than five hours were billed by the professional, and (c) an explanation of why the use of such professional was reasonable and necessary. As a general matter, it was reasonable and necessary to consult with professionals with specific practice area expertise to assist the Debtors in the Title III cases.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary	
Salvador A. Antonetti	April 2020	Mr. Antonetti is a former Solicitor General of Puerto Rico, with various areas of expertise, including federal procedural and appellate issues, as well as knowledge of governmental issues. Mr. Antonetti is periodically tasked with providing guidance in the Title III proceedings regarding his areas of expertise.	
Rosa M. Lázaro	February, April and May 2020	Ms. Lázaro is a member of O&B's Corporate Department with many years of experience analyzing employee benefits and pension plan issues. She continues to assist the Oversight Board in these Title III cases by analyzing and providing advice on pension related issues. For efficiency purposes, the O&B legal team reaches out to Ms. Lázaro for guidance on how best to address finite issues that fall within her area of expertise.	
Michelle Marichal	May 2020	Issues that fall within her area of expertise. Ms. Marichal is a member of O&B's Corporate Department with substantial experience analyzing employee benefits and pension plan issues, as well as tax issues impacting the Debtors' restructuring plans. She ha been assisting the Oversight Board in these Title III case by analyzing and providing advice on issues related to th areas of law.	

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary	
Jerry L. Marrero	February 2020	Mr. Marrero is a member of our Corporate Department. His practice focuses on, among others, environmental law and energy issues. Given his expertise, Mr. Marrero has provided the Oversight Board guidance regarding issues impacting the Debtors' restructuring efforts, as well as assisting in developing legal arguments for the carious adversary proceedings impacting the PREPA Title III process.	
Julio Pietrantoni	February 2020	Mr. Pietrantoni is a member of our Corporate Department. His practice focuses on, among others, financing transactions, including public finance. Given his expertise in public financing issues, Mr. Pietrantoni continues to periodically provide the Oversight Board guidance regarding issues impacting the Debtors' restructuring efforts.	
Ismael Vincenty	March 2020	Mr. Vincenty is a member of O&B's Corporate Department, specializing in Taxation issues. He periodically provides advice on such issues, as they may impact the Debtors' restructuring efforts.	
Fernández Barrera, Ubaldo M.	February 2020	Mr. Fernandez is a junior member of the O&B Litigation Department who specializes in Bankruptcy law and has been consistently providing assistance in all the Title III matters since their inception.	
Rafael Hernández	February and May 2020	Mr. Hernandez is a junior member of O&B's Corporate Department. He periodically provides advice on such issues, as they may impact the Debtors' restructuring efforts.	
Joamanda Morales	February 2020	Ms. Morales is a junior member of O&B's Corporate Department, specializing in financing and real estate matters. She periodically provides advice on such issues, as they may impact the Debtors' restructuring efforts.	
Jose L. Notario	March and May 2020	Mr. Notario is a junior member of O&B's Corporate	
Ricardo Casellas	April 2020	Mr. Casellas is an associate in O&B's Litigation Department. He has aided the Oversight Board in researching Puerto Rico law issues impacting the claims made against the Title III Debtors in various adversary proceedings.	

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Paula A. Gonzalez	May 2020	Ms. Gonzalez is an associate in O&B's Litigation Department. She has aided the Oversight Board in researching Puerto Rico law issues, as well as periodically assisting in reviewing and filings pertinent pleadings by the Oversight and its consultants.
David Magraner	March 2020	Mr. Magraner is an associate in O&B's Corporate Department. He has been assisting the Oversight Board in the due diligence required to ascertain the basis for various Proof of Claims grounded upon judicial or administrative claims against the Debtors.
Adriana Moreno	April and May 2020	Ms. Gonzalez is an associate in O&B's Labor Department. She has aided the Oversight Board in researching Puerto Rico labor law issues as well as periodically assisting in document review projects.
Francisco G. Rodriguez	February, March, April and May 2020	Mr. Rodriguez is an associate in O&B's Corporate Department, who focuses most of his work on Taxation issues. He periodically conducts legal research of such issues, as they may impact the Debtors' restructuring efforts.
Filex E. Rosado	February 2020	Mr. Rosado was an associate in O&B's Labor Department during the time-frame covering this interim application. He was periodically tasked with analyzing labor related issues, as well as periodically assisting in document review projects.
Carlos Vazquez- Alberty	February 2020	Mr. Vazquez-Alberty is an associate in O&B's Labor Department who is periodically tasked with analyzing labor related issues, as well as periodically assisting in document review projects.
Maria M. Amaro	April 2020	Ms. Amaro is an experienced corporate paralegal at O&B. She has assisted with minor clerical tasks associated with the litigation efforts within the Title III proceedings.
Ana M. Aponte	May 2020	Ms. Aponte is a litigation paralegal at O&B, who under the amended Local Rules is now qualified to handle translation projects. She has sporadically assisted with translation projects associated with the litigation efforts within the Title III proceedings.
Laura Jimenez Davis	March 2020	Ms. Jimenez Davis is an experienced litigation paralegal at O&B. She has assisted with minor clerical tasks associated with the litigation efforts within the Title III proceedings.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary	
Vanessa Sanchez	January 2020	Ms. De León Marrero is an experienced litigation paralegal at O&B. She has assisted with minor clerical tasks associated with the litigation efforts within the Title III proceedings and has periodically assisted with document review and organization projects.	

Summary of Legal Services Provided During the Compensation Period

25. The following is a brief narrative summary, listed by Project Category, of the professional services rendered by O&B during the Compensation Period.⁴

(a) Project Category 201

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	52.80	\$ 11,605.50

26. This Project Category includes time spent communicating with the Oversight Board, the Debtors, and their representatives, agents, and consultants. In summary, O&B attorneys spent time communicating with Oversight Board professionals regarding Debtors' Title III cases strategy issues, economic analyses, fiscal plans issues, consulting matters, and litigation strategy. O&B attorneys further had multiple communications with the Oversight Board regarding mediation related issues and plans of adjustment and drafted or assisted in research related to memoranda on behalf of the Oversight Board related to these cases.

(b) Project Category 202

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
202	Legal Research	220.00	\$ 42,839.50

27. This Project Category includes legal research and analyses and time spent drafting memoranda in coordination with Proskauer regarding the analysis of legal issues including, but not

⁴ The following tables exclude the deferred amounts being sought in this application. The total fees mentioned in this section also **exclude** the 10% discount agreed to upon the initial engagement.

limited to, local law matters. The following are some of the issues that were researched by O&B attorneys: (i) constitutional issues in connection with the Debtors' Title III cases; (ii) state law issues related to various matters impacting the Title III Proceedings; (iii) merits, stay, removal, dismissal, and transfer of actions; (iv) analysis on claw back rights; (v) protection of estate assets; (vi) regulatory matters; and (vii) discovery disputes.

(c) Project Category 203

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fed Requeste	
203	Hearings and Non-Field Comm. With Court	20.30	\$ 4,742	.00

28. This Project Category includes communications with the Court and preparing for and attending hearings and in Court proceedings. Furthermore, O&B attorneys spent time communicating with the Court and regarding rules and hearing matters.

(d) Project Category 204

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
204	Comunications with Claimholders	2.80	\$ 764.50

29. This category includes time spent by O&B attorneys communicating with the claimholders of Debtors. The time spent by O&B attorneys focused on issues related to stay matters and the procedures established pursuant to the Court's order for seeking relief from stay. Furthermore, O&B attorneys spent time responding to creditors' inquiries. O&B attorneys also spent time on communications regarding mediation, negotiation, and settlement in the Title III cases and adversary proceedings.

(e) Project Category 205

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
205	Comm. With Commonwealth Representative	1	1

30. As to this Project Category, O&B attorneys spent time communicating with the Debtor's representatives in various Title III related matters including but not limited to counsel and other advisors to AAFAF. There were no hours expended for this task during this time period.

(f) Project Category 206

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	286.40	\$ 56,381.50

31. O&B attorneys, as Puerto Rico counsel for the Oversight Board, spent considerable time drafting and reviewing pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtors. In summary, O&B attorneys worked with Proskauer in drafting and reviewing pleadings, motions for joint administration, first day motions, briefing on legal issues in motions, objections, and replies in contested matters and several adversary proceedings.

(g) Project Category 207

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
207	Non-Board Court Filings	11.50	\$ 3,450.00

32. The time spent by O&B attorneys on this Project Category includes the review of Court orders, complaints, pleadings, motions and responses thereto filed by other parties. Reviewing pleadings filed by other parties is necessary to properly advise the Oversight Board whether a response is required and, where appropriate, assist in the preparation of such response.

(h) Project Category 208

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
208	Stay Matters	191.00	\$ 48,167.00

33. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B attorneys in reviewing and analyzing motions and responses on relief from stay and researching issues related thereto. Among the multiple tasks handled by O&B attorneys in this Project Category, the time spent also included drafting and reviewing responses and motions on stay related matters.

(i) Project Category 209

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
209	Adversary Proceeding	149.90	\$ 44,270.50

34. The time spent on this Project Category includes the handling of various contested matters and adversary proceedings filed in relation to these Title III cases. O&B attorneys have spent time reviewing and drafting pleadings and motions as local counsel for the Oversight Board, as required by Local Rule 83A(f). Furthermore, O&B attorneys have spent time responding to discovery matters as Puerto Rico counsel for the Oversight Board, as the representative of the Title III Debtors.

(j) Project Category 210

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
210	Analysis and Strategy	180.80	\$ 37,808.50

35. This Project Category focuses on the time spent by O&B attorneys in relation to legal analysis and strategy as to the next steps and meetings with Proskauer to coordinate matters related to the Title III cases. It also includes analyzing the legal arguments raised in court filings by other parties, to properly advise the Oversight Board regarding the impact of those issues upon the Title III proceeding.

(k) Project Category 211

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
211	Budgeting	70.60	\$ 15,136.00

36. This Project Category focuses on the time spent by O&B attorneys in relation to legal analysis and strategy of issues related to the various Debtors Fiscal Plans and Yearly Budgets.

(l) Project Category 212

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
212	General Administration	4.40	\$ 1,342.00

37. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B attorneys on general administration of the Debtors' Title III case. Among the general administration included in this Project Category are, among other, the following: (a) case status and coordination with Proskauer; (b) analyzing matters on filing of documents with the Court and service thereof; and (c) coordinating matters related to calendar, deadlines, translations and filings.

(m) Project Category 213

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
213	Labor, Pension Matters	24.10	\$ 6,148.50

38. This Project Category includes time spent reviewing employee and retiree benefits and pension matters, which are mostly governed by highly technical Puerto Rico laws, as counsel for the Oversight Board and in coordination with Proskauer.

(n) Project Category 214

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
214	Legal/Regulatory Matters	60.50	\$ 14,425.50

39. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in the analysis of and communications of any sort (including emails, calls and meetings) with any regulatory, Congressional or governmental agency regarding issues arising out of Title III proceedings.

(o) Project Category 215

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees
Task Code		Hours	Requested
215	Plan of Adjustment and Disclosure Statem	422.70	\$ 101,085.00

40. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in providing assistance to the Oversight Board in the development of a plan of adjustment to the various Title III Debtors. It also includes the analysis of the various legal and regulatory issues that may impact upon the

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viability of such plans.

(p) Project Category 216

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
216	Confirmation	0.40	\$ 65.00

41. This category encompasses time expended in the process of confirmation of a debtor's plan of adjustment.

(q) Project Category 217

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees
Task Couc	Matter Description	Hours	Requested
217	Tax	1	\$ -

42. The time spent on this Project Category includes time spent by O&B regarding analysis and communications of any sort related to tax issues impacting the Title III Debtors. There were no hours expended for this task during this time period. There were no hours expended for this task during this time period.

(r) Project Category 218

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	tal Fees quested
218	Employment Fee Application	5.10	\$ 714.00

43. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B regarding analysis and communications of any sort related to any employment retention or fee application of other professionals in the relevant proceeding.

(s) Project Category 219

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
219	Docketing	21.70	\$ 3,038.00

44. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B paralegals reviewing orders and/or pertinent motions to ensure all up-coming court deadlines are identified and docketed in the calendars for the pertinent attorneys in charge of the specific matter or task.

(t) Project Category 220

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
220	Translations	109.10	\$ 16,467.50

45. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B paralegals or junior associates, when time constraints or other consideration so require, regarding translation of documents from Spanish to English. Some of these translations are necessary in order for the Oversight Board to make informed decisions impacting Title III strategy. Moreover, pursuant to Local R. 5(g), "all documents not in the English language which are presented or filed, whether as evidence or otherwise, must be accompanied by a certified translation into English...." Whenever court deadlines so-permit, O&B uses the services of its in-house certified interpreter, which is more cost-efficient than third-party services.

(u) Project Category 221

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees
Tusk Couc		Hours	Requested
221	Discovery/2004 Examinations	7.70	\$ 2,348.50

46. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in preparation for, or attending to, Rule 2004 examinations. Additionally, all discovery related tasks, including analysis of discovery requests, potential privilege issues and review and analysis of discovery responses are included in this category.

(v) Category 222

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
222	Claims and Claims Objections	335.20	\$ 74,539.50

47. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in analyzing claims against the debtor, as well as analyzing or preparing objections to such claims.

(w) Project Category 223

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees
		Hours	Requested
223	Assumption and Rejection of Leases	2.30	\$ 701.50

48. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in analyzing issues relating to debtor's leases or executory contracts, as well as revising or drafting any necessary court filings relating to these contracts.

(x) Project Category 224

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed	Total Fees
		Hours	Requested
224	Fee Applications O&B	35.00	\$ 7,819.00

49. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in the drafting and organization of the necessary filings for the collection of the fees claimed by O'Neill & Borges LLC for the work performed on behalf of the Oversight Board in these Title III proceedings.

(y) Project Category 225

Task Code	Matter Description	Total Billed Hours	Total Fees Requested
225	Fee Applications Proskauer	4.60	\$ 865.00

- 50. This Project Category includes time spent by O&B in assisting our co-counsel, Proskauer Rose LLP, in the submission of its filings for the collection of its fees for the work performed on behalf of the Oversight Board in these Title III proceedings.
- 51. The professional services performed by O&B were reasonable, necessary, appropriate, and beneficial when rendered, facilitated the effective administration of the Debtors' Title III cases, and were in the best interests of the Oversight Board and the Debtors' creditors,

residents, and other stakeholders. O&B further submits that the Compensation for which approval is being sought is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and time-sensitive nature of the problems, issues, and tasks involved. The professional services of O&B were performed in an efficient and effective manner.

52. Therefore, the Court should approve the compensation sought by O&B in compliance with the requirements in the Bankruptcy Code. Namely, the fees requested are fair and reasonable because these Title III cases are complex matters that required the time spent by O&B given the nature and extent of the services. Furthermore, O&B expertise in the bankruptcy field together with the value of its services and the costs of comparable services in other cases show further compliance with the Bankruptcy Code.

Actual and Necessary Expenses of O&B

- 53. Pursuant to the Guidelines, <u>Schedule 4</u> is O&B's summary of actual and necessary expenses incurred on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtors during the Compensation Period.
- 54. In accordance with paragraph C.13 of the Appendix B Guidelines and as more fully described in <u>Schedule 4</u>, O&B seeks reimbursement for its necessary and reasonable expenses, including: (a) reproduction, (b) online research, (c) delivery services and couriers, (d) postage, (e) local travel to and from airports, (f) out-of-town travel, (g) out-of-town meals, (h) court fees, (i) transcription services, (j) litigation support, and (l) professional services. All expense entries are detailed and explained in <u>Exhibit B</u>.
- 55. O&B currently charges from \$0.10 (black and white) to \$0.40 (color) per page for Title III photocopying expenses; and this is reflected in the submitted invoices. All expenditures are of the type customarily billed to clients are detailed on **Schedule 4**.

56. During the Compensation Period, O&B has disbursed \$509.09 as necessary and reasonable expenses. The expenses charged are detailed and described in **Exhibit B** hereto. The actual expenses incurred by O&B were necessary, reasonable, and justified to effectively serve the needs of the Debtors in its Title III cases.

Compensation Paid and Its Source

- 57. The services and expenses for which O&B is requesting approval of the Court were performed or incurred on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtors. In connection with the matters covered by this Application, O&B received no payment and no promises of payment for services rendered, or to be rendered, from any source other than the Debtors. There is no agreement or understanding between O&B and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation received for services rendered in these Title III cases.
- 58. PROMESA sections 316 and 317 provide for interim compensation of professionals and govern the Court's award of such compensation. 48 U.S.C. §§ 2176-2177. PROMESA section 316 provides that a court may award a professional person employed by the Debtors or the Oversight Board under PROMESA "(1) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and (2) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 48 U.S.C. § 2176(a). Section 316 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded ... the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (1) the time spent on such services;
- (2) the rates charged for such services;

- (3) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this chapter;
- (4) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (5) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (6) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this subchapter or title 11.

48 U.S.C. § 2176(c).

- 59. As noted above, the professional services and expenditures object of this Application were necessary and beneficial to the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtors. O&B worked diligently to anticipate or respond to the Oversight Board's needs and assist in the Oversight Board's role in these Title III cases. The compensation for which O&B is requesting approval herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Oversight Board.
- 60. O&B had reserved the right to request compensation for the deferred incremental fees applicable to the Compensation Period object of this Application. In agreement with the Oversight Board, O&B exercises such right and thus requests payment of the incremental fees for the Compensation Period in the additional amount of \$10,307.25, as detailed in the attached **Schedule 5.**

Notice

- 61. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this Application has been filed in the Commonwealth's Title III case and served upon:
 - (a) the Financial Oversight and Management Board, 40 Washington Square South, Office 314A, New York, NY 10012, Attn: Professor Arthur J. Gonzalez, Oversight Board Member;

- (b) attorneys for the Oversight Board, Proskauer Rose LLP, Eleven Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Martin J. Bienenstock, Esq. (mbienenstock@proskauer.com) and Ehud Barak, Esq. (ebarak@proskauer.com), and Proskauer Rose LLP, 70 West Madison Street, Chicago, IL 60602, Attn: Paul V. Possinger, Esq. (ppossinger@proskauer.com);
- (c) attorneys for the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Times Square Tower, 7 Times Square, New York, NY 10036, Attn: John J. Rapisardi, Esq. (jrapisardi@omm.com) and Diana M. Perez, Esq. (dperez@omm.com);
- (d) attorneys for the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority, Marini Pietrantoni Muñiz LLC, MCS Plaza, Suite 500, 255 Ponce de León Ave, San Juan, PR 00917, Attn: Luis C. Marini-Biaggi, Esq. (lmarini@mpmlawpr.com) and Carolina Velaz-Rivero Esq. (cvelaz@mpmlawpr.com);
- (e) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico, Edificio Ochoa, 500 Tanca Street, Suite 301, San Juan, PR 00901 (re: *In re: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*), Attn: Monsita Lecaroz, Esq. (monsita.lecaroz@usdoj.gov);
- (f) attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Paul Hastings LLP, 200 Park Ave., New York, NY 10166, Attn: Luc. A Despins, Esq. (lucdespins@paulhastings.com);
- (g) attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Casillas, Santiago & Torres LLC, El Caribe Office Building, 53 Palmeras Street, Ste. 1601, San Juan, PR 00901, Attn: Juan J. Casillas Ayala, Esq. (jcasillas@cstlawpr.com) and Alberto J.E. Añeses Negrón, Esq. (aaneses@cstlawpr.com);
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- (i) attorneys for the Official Committee of Retired Employees, Bennazar, García & Milián, C.S.P., Edificio Union Plaza, PH-A, 416 Ave. Ponce de León, Hato Rey, PR 00918, Attn: A.J. Bennazar-Zequeira, Esq. (ajb@bennazar.org);
- (j) the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury, PO Box 9024140, San Juan, PR 00902-4140, Attn: Reylam Guerra Goderich, Deputy Assistant of Central Accounting (Reylam.Guerra@hacienda.pr.gov); Omar E. Rodríguez Pérez, CPA, Assistant Secretary of Central Accounting (Rodriguez.Omar@hacienda.pr.gov); Angel L. Pantoja Rodríguez,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Internal Revenue and Tax Policy (angel.pantoja@hacienda.pr.gov); Francisco Parés Alicea, Secretary the Puerto Rico Treasury Department of (francisco.pares@hacienda.pr.gov); and Francisco Peña Montañez, CPA. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Francisco.Pena@hacienda.pr.gov);

- (k) attorneys for the Fee Examiner, EDGE Legal Strategies, PSC, 252 Ponce de León Avenue, Citibank Tower, 12th Floor, San Juan, PR 00918, Attn: Eyck O. Lugo (elugo@edgelegalpr.com);
- (1) attorneys for the Fee Examiner, Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., One East Main Street, Suite 500, Madison, WI 53703, Attn: Katherine Stadler (KStadler@gklaw.com);
- (m) attorneys for AAFAF in the PREPA Title III proceeding, Greenberg Taurig LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166, Attn. Nathan A. Haynes, Esq. (haynesn@gtlaw.com);
- (n) attorneys for the U.S. Bank National Association: Maslon LLP, 90 South Seventh Street, Suite 3300, Minneapolis, MN 55402, Attn: Clark T. Whitmore, Esq. (clark.whitmore@maslon.com), William Z. Pentelovitch, Esq. (bill.pentelovitch@maslon.com); John T. Duffey, Esq. (john.duffey@maslon.com); and Jason M. Reed, Esq. (jason.reed@maslon.com); and
- (o) attorneys for the U.S. Bank National Association: Rivera, Tulla and Ferrer, LLC, 50 Quisqueya Street, San Juan, PR 00917, Attn: Eric A. Tulla, Esq. (etulla@riveratulla.com) and Iris J. Cabrera-Gómez, Esq. (icabrera@riveratulla.com).

WHEREFORE O&B respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (a) allowing interim compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$455,558.85 (including the 10% professional compensation holdback amount) and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses O&B incurred in connection with such services during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$509.09; (b) directing the Debtor to pay promptly to O&B the difference between (i) the amount of interim compensation for professional services rendered, and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period allowed hereunder, and (ii) the amounts for such compensation and expenses previously paid to O&B, consistent with the provisions of the Interim Compensation Order; (c) allowing such compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred

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without prejudice to O&B's right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this Application; and (d) granting O&B such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: May 21, 2021

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Certification under Guidelines

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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In re: THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND	PROMESA Title III
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, as representative of	No. 17 BK 3283-LTS
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.	, (Jointly Administered)
Debtors. ¹	
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CERTIFICATION UNDER GUIDELINES
FOR FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS
IN RESPECT OF NINTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF O'NEILL & BORGES LLC
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
DEBTOR, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, FOR THE PERIOD
FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

Pursuant to the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications* for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the "Guidelines"), together with the Local Rule 2016-1, and (b) the order

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¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747) and); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations). O'Neill & Borges LLC has already submitted its final application in the COFINA Title III case, albeit because of its role as counsel for such debtor, we continue to provide services and incur expenses on some remaining matters related to that Title III proceeding. Such invoices will be submitted for approval pursuant to the *Protocol for The Review and Payment of Post-Effective Date COFINA Fees* set forth at Docket No. 8755 of Title III lead Case No. 17-03283-LTS.

dated June 26, 2019 [DOC # 7678], the undersigned, a Partner of O'Neill & Borges LLC ("O&B"), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") as representative of the Commonwealth Puerto Rico ("Commonwealth"), Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA"), Employees Retirement System for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS"), and Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") and Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA", jointly with the Commonwealth, HTA, ERS and PREPA referred to as "Debtors"), pursuant to section 315(b) of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA"), hereby certifies with respect to (a) O&B's ninth interim application for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred with respect to the Debtors' Title III cases, dated May 21, 2021 (the "Application"), for the period from February 1, 2020 through and including May 31, 2020 (the "Compensation Period"), as follows:

- 1. I am the professional designated by O&B in respect of compliance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1.
- 2. I make this certification in support of the Application for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in accordance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1.
- 3. In respect of the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016-1, I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry:
 - a. I have read the Application;
 - b. the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

³ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Application.

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c. except to the extent that fees or disbursements are prohibited by the Guidelines, the fees and disbursements sought are billed at rates in accordance with practices customarily employed by O&B and generally accepted by O&B's

clients; and

d. in providing a reimbursable service, O&B does not make a profit on that service, where the service is performed by O&B in house or through a third

party.

4. I hereby certify that no public servant of the Puerto Rico Department of Treasury

is a party to or has any interest in the gains or benefits derived from the contract that is the basis

of this invoice. The only consideration for providing services under the contract is the payment

agreed upon with the authorized representatives of the Oversight Board. The amount of this invoice

is reasonable. The services were rendered and the corresponding payment has not been made. To

the best of my knowledge, O'Neill & Borges LLC does not have any debts owed to the

Government of Puerto Rico or its instrumentalities

5. I certify that O&B has previously provided monthly statements of O&B's fees and

disbursements by filing and serving monthly statements in accordance with the Interim

Compensation Order (as defined in the Application), except that completing reasonable and

necessary internal accounting and review procedures may have, at times, precluded filing fee

statements within the time periods specified in the Order.

Dated: May 21, 2021

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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In re:	PROMESA Title III
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND	11110 111
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	No. 17 BK 3283-LTS
as representative of	10.17 BR 3203 LTS
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	
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ORDER APPROVING NINTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF O'NEILL & BORGES LLC FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

Upon the application (the "Application")¹ of O'Neill & Borges LLC ("O&B"), as attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") acting as representative of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Debtor") under section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"),² seeking, pursuant to (a) PROMESA sections 316 and 317, (b) Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, (c) Local Rule 2016-1, (d) the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the U.S. Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B, and (e) this Court's *Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (Dkt. No. 3269)*, an allowance of interim compensation for professional services rendered by O&B for the period commencing

¹ Capitalized terms not defined in this order will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

² PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

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February 1, 2020 through and including May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$455,558.85, and for

reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$509.09 incurred during the

Compensation Period; and, this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth

in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and

sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is APPROVED as set forth herein.

2. Compensation to O&B for professional services rendered during the Compensation

Period is allowed on an interim basis in the amount of \$455,558.85.

3. Reimbursement to O&B for expenses incurred during the Compensation Period is

allowed on an interim basis in the amount of \$509.09.

4. The Debtor is authorized to pay O&B all fees and expenses allowed pursuant to

this Order, including those that were previously held back pursuant to the Interim Compensation

Order, less any amounts previously paid for such fees and expenses under the terms of the Interim

Compensation Order.

5. The compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual

and necessary expenses incurred allowed pursuant to this order is without prejudice to O'Neill &

Borges LLC right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred

during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of the Application.

6. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted

pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

Dated: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Honorable Laura Taylor Swain

United States District Judge

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